



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06478.1497

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of:      | ) |                             |
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| Gerhard MOERSDORF et al.   | ) | Group Art Unit: 3767        |
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| Serial No.: 10/758,261     | ) | Examiner: GILBERT, ANDREW M |
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| Filed: January 16, 2004    | ) |                             |
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| For: STERILE SHEATH FOR AN | ) |                             |
| INJECTION SYRINGE          | ) |                             |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Office Action mailed August 10, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-23 and 31-35;
- II. Claims 24-30; and
- III. Claims 31-35.

Without necessarily agreeing with any of the characterizations or assertions set forth in the Office Action, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-23 and 31-35, with traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 2, 2006

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